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state-wide endeavour and possibility. I am making it perfectly clear and the Government are willing that the P. W. D. should only supervise and the local organisations should collect materials, should lay the roads, construct the bridges and so forth subject to certain specifications and directions which the P. W. D. will put forward. Let a few organisations of that sort come forward. Those organisations will naturally involve some technical skill. There is a large amount of such technical skill available in the country side in some of our retired officials. There is much more capital in the state than there has been some years ago. It requires some personnel who will enthusiastially devote themselves to that particular work in those localities. There is enough local enthusiasm. If there are a hundred such organisations each willing to take up 3 or 5 miles, the contract will be given to those organisations even if the rates are a little bit higher than the ordinary rates.

The question that Government be granted a supplementary grant of Rs. 6,47,608 under Demand III—Public Works Department including Water Works and Drainage was put and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

## DEMAND V—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, EXCLUDING FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE AND LOCAL FUND AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

**MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI**: Sir, under General Administration, excluding Financial Secretariat, Accountant General s Office and Local Fund Audit Department, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 4,000 for expenditure under "Travancore Information and Listener." In doing so. I beg to submit, for the information of the House, that this expenditure is of an urgent nature, that it was not anticipated, that it could not have been anticipated and that it does not admit of postponement to the next year. I would therefore request the House to sanction the grant.

**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: May I know from the member whether this amount would be utilised for publishing correct information or incorrect information ?

**MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI**: As correct information, Sir, as could be gathered.

**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: May I know whether the Government are aware that in one issue of the Travancore Information and Listener it was published that Aranmula was situated on the northern side of the Pampa river?

**MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI**: I would inform the House that such errors, if there are any, will not occur again.

**MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI**: Will the Honourable member enlighten us as to why it was not contemplated at the time of the budget ?

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MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, the presentation of illustrated articles for the proper publicity of Travancore involves the making of blocks from photographs taken from various localities. The cost of making blocks has gone up considerably. The phenominal increase in the price of photographic materials and other articles has also contributed to the increase in the expenditure under this item. Such an increase in expenditure was not contemplated at the commencement of the year.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the number of copies of the Travancore Information and Listener printed and circulated ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: It is not in public interests, Sir, to announce that on the floor of the House. But honourable members can have the information confidentially from the Director of Information.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know what is the public interest that is at stake ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: It may not be expedient to discuss it here, Sir.

PRESIDENT: I will give an instance. 'The Travancore Information and Listener' is a publicity organisation of this Government. Publicity organisations have to rely upon advertisements. Advertisements may take various forms. Advertisements might be the giving of a certain number of free copies. Who are given free copies and who are not given need not be disclosed on the floor of the House. If any Honourable member wants to have any information he can have it privately because Government have absolute trust in the intergrity and honour of the members of the House.

MR. K. T. MICHAEL: May I know the total expenditure for the publication ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The budget grant was Rs. 3,000 for the year; and I am now asking for an additional grant of Rs. 4,000. Government hope that it will be possible to bring the whole expenditure for the rest of the year well within this figure. Thus the total expenditure will be Rs. 7,000.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is not the amount of Rs. 3,000 sanctioned in the budget for blocks alone ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Not quite like that, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it inclusive of the paper and print ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The allotment now includes touring charges as well. Originally the T. A. of the officer was put down as a separate item. As the tours for taking topical and scenic photographs from various parts of the State for the purpose of preparing illustrated articles for this important publication is an integral part of the scheme, the expenditure on that account has been brought within this grant. I may assure the honourable House that the utmost possible economy is being exercised in this matter and that every possible economy will be exercised in future as well.



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MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether the cost for block making alone is Rs. 3,000 ; absolutely nothing more or less ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The original provision of Rs. 3,000 and the present demand of Rs. 4,000, together making a total grant of Rs. 7,000, would cover the cost of blocks, tour charges and other incidental items. The cost of making blocks and the cost of photographic materials have gone up considerably, as I have already stated. Tour charges too have increased not a little. Hence the above amount would represent the irreducible minimum of expenditure on this account during the year.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Does it include T. A. also.

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, Sir, to some extent. The T. A. on account of certain specific tours for the purpose of taking photographs that have to appear in this publication are included in the allotment.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Is that a part of war effort ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: War or no war it is a matter concerning publicity ?

MR. K. A. MATHEW: It must be in connection with the war.

PRESIDENT: I think honourable members need not be worried about war. Before and after the war we shall have to give a certain amount of publicity to this State ; to the scenery of the State and to the work done in the State. Supposing His Excellency the Viceroy comes here. Naturally we have to take a certain number of photographs of his visit and doings. Other people come here and they expect albums to be presented to them. They expect those albums to be in good paper and they want superior blocks. Naturally, on account of the prestige of the Government we have to supply superior paper and blocks. Those are the items which are referred to as confidential. The Secretary does not reveal them, but I. have no hesitation in saying that. There is a certain amount of publicity which Government have to indulge in. Some of it may be desirable publicity from the point of view of some persons. Some may be unprofitable or undesirable publicity from the point of view of others. Government have to take the responsibility. They have to keep themselves in the people's eyes and spend some money for the purpose. It is an advertisement whether that advertisement is carried out by the Travancore Information or through other agency is a matter on which there may be two opinions. Government have to invest money upon publicity and keep themselves in the public eye. It may be noted that Rs. 1½ crores were spent by the Government of India in the Information Department over which I presided for 23 days. Last year it was about Rs. 6 Crores. Roughly between 1 and 30 Crores of rupees is spent by the Government of India on publicity. Supposing C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar is sent as a delegate to Delhi. What breakfast he took and how he looked are supposed to be worthy of publicity in Travancore. Travancore may be foolish to pay for the publicity. But that is the kind of publicity that is supposed to be beneficial. If we look minutely into the matter we will

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find that it is for the purpose of advertising particular members of Government or the head of the Administration that money is spent. But these are considered to be part of the publicity of a modern State.

**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Sir, in view of the discussion that has taken place on this side of the bench, we perfectly agree with the publicity problem. Publicity as such is not objected to, but when Government members are in possession of information and when that information is sought for in order to get their considered views, that must be given. The question that was put was whether there was a provision for the blocks amounting to Rs. 3,000 in the Budget. When that is being asked some words are spoken to camouflage the issue. Sir, that is not the way to treat the House when members are earnestly endeavouring to get points cleared.

**MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH:** One word, Sir.

**PRESIDENT:** I may remind the honourable Member of what happened in a court one day. An ordinary case was disposed of, and the person concerned in it walked in and wanted the Court to go over it again. The Judge thereupon said that he should have started sooner or come faster. I suppose the member has started sooner.

**MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH:** ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ ആൻഡ് പബ്ലിസണർ ഒരു വീട്ടിൽ മേശപ്പുറത്തു വച്ചേക്കാൻ തക്കവണ്ണമുള്ള ഒരു മാസികയാണ്. വായിക്കാൻ ധാരാളം മാറ്റർ ഉണ്ട്. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ പത്രങ്ങളും ബ്രഡ്ൻനിറത്തിലുള്ള കടലാസിലാണ് അച്ചടിച്ചുവരുന്നത്. മംഗിയായി അച്ചടിച്ച ഒരു മാസിക മറ്റു മാസികകളുടെ ഇടയ്ക്കുവയ്ക്കുന്നതു ഒരു അലങ്കാരമായിട്ടാണിരിക്കുന്നതു. ഗവൺമെന്റിന്റെ നിലയ്ക്കു അതായതു ഗവൺമെന്റിന്റെ ഉത്തരവാദിത്വത്തിന്മേൽ പുറപ്പെടുവിക്കുന്ന ഈ മാസിക ഏറ്റവും മംഗിയായിട്ടും രണ്ടു വിധത്തിലും നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകേണ്ടതാണ്. ഗവൺമെന്റിന്റെ അന്തസ്സിനേയും അഭിമാനത്തേയുംകൂടി പരിപാലിക്കാൻ പ്രഥമിയുള്ള ഈ മാസിക ദൂരദേശങ്ങളിൽകൂടി പോകേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നതിനാൽ നല്ല കടലാസിൽ അതിനെ അച്ചടിച്ചു പ്രസ്താവം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു ഉള്ള തുക അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടതു ഏറ്റവും ഉചിതമായ ഒരു പ്രവൃത്തിയാണ്. അതിനു എത്ര പ്രതികളുണ്ടെന്നും മാറും ചിന്തിക്കേണ്ട കാര്യമില്ല. അതിന്റെ രഹസ്യം നല്ലവണ്ണം എനിക്കറിയാം. ക്രോതെ ഒരു പത്രം നടത്തിപ്പുകാരനോടു നിങ്ങളുടെ പത്രം എത്ര പ്രതികളുണ്ടെന്നു ചോദിച്ചാൽ അവർ ശരിയായ ഉത്തരം പറയുകയില്ല. കാരണം പരസ്യത്തിനുവേണ്ടി രണ്ടായിരമോ മൂവായിരമോ കാട്ടി കാണുന്ന ഒരു പത്രത്തിനു പത്രക്കാരോടു എത്ര കോപ്പി ഉണ്ടെന്നു ചോദിച്ചാൽ ഇരുപതിനായിരമെന്നും മുപ്പതിനായിരമെന്നും അയിരിക്കും ഉത്തരം പറയുന്നതു.

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MR. V. GANGADHARAN NAIR : ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർ ഒരു പത്രാധിപരായിരുന്നിട്ടില്ല?

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH : ഉണ്ട്. തിരുവനന്തപുരം ടൗണിൽ നിന്നുൻ, ൧൦൦, ൧൦൧ ഈ ആണ്ടുകളിൽ പുറപ്പെട്ട കേരളദാസൻ എന്ന പത്രത്തിന്റെ മാനേജിംഗ് എഡിറ്റർ ആയിരുന്ന ഞാൻ. പത്രാധിപന്മാർ ഈ വക രഹസ്യങ്ങളെ പുറത്തു വിടുകയില്ല. അതു എനിക്കറിയാം. എന്തായാലും ഇതിലേക്കാവശ്യമുള്ള തുക അനുവദിക്കണമെന്ന അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടുകൊണ്ട് ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 4,000 under Demand No. V General Administration, under Travancore Information and Listener, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND No. VI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Sir, I move that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 4,500 under Demand No. VI—General Administration—Legislative Bodies. As could be seen, this demand consists of two items, viz., Rs. 3,500 for additional allotment on account of bye-election charges and remuneration to Election Commissioners, and Rs. 1,000 for additional allotment under 19 (g) Legislative Bodies.

In regard to item (i), honourable members would remember that on the last occasion when I moved for a supplementary grant under this item I informed the house that it was not known for how long the Election Commission would sit. Today, I may say for the information of the house that the Election Commissioners have disposed of five out of six cases. The one petition that is remaining will be disposed of shortly and I do not think that any more money will be required on this account other than that now asked for. I request that the amount may be passed.

In regard to item 2, I may say that it is meant for the purchase of more books for the Library and also for repairs and purchase of furniture. The Advisory Committee for the Library has advised this and the amount is necessary so that the books could be purchased.

The motion that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 4,500 under Demand No. VI—General Administration—Legislative Bodies, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND XX—FISHERIES.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 10,000 under Demand No. XX—Fisheries. The amount is required as additional allotment for the supply of salt to fish curers. They are given salt at

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